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PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE BASIS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44/228 AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS: CROSS-SECTORAL ISSUES

Proposal submitted by the Chairman

Guidelines for preparation of Agenda 21 for consideration by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janiero

1. In a number of chapters of Agenda 21 either some or all of the paragraphs in sections on Means of implementation have been bracketed. The brackets were placed not because delegations necessarily disagreed on the texts but because these paragraphs were not negotiated.

2. The paragraphs involved can be divided into two groups:

(a) Paragraphs related to "Financing and cost evaluation", where it is proposed that the paragraphs remain bracketed and that a footnote be added to the document reading as follows:

> "These paragraphs contain matters relating to means of implementation, including cost estimates, which are indicative secretariat figures provided pursuant to decision A/CONF.151/PC/L.49*. They remain in brackets as they have not been negotiated.";

(b) Paragraphs relating to certain actions in areas such as "Scientific and technological means", "Human resource development" and "Capacity building", where it is proposed that the paragraphs which at present are bracketed would remain bracketed with a footnote reading as follows:

> "These paragraphs in the sections on means of implementation have not been negotiated. It is expected that their status can be resolved at an early date during the Conference.".

3. Paragraphs in the introductions of approved A/CONF.151/PC/L.... documents which are in square brackets will be dropped. If they are not in square brackets they will be retained.

4. Introductory paragraphs of a purely procedural nature will be removed.

5. Agenda 21 will be presented in the same chapter order listed in A/CONF.151/PC/100 except that section IV, chapter 7, on regional organizations has been consolidated with other text.